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Interview Summary

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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Date of Interview: 16 June 2009.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal (copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 15.

Identification of prior art discussed: Kuras (U.S. Patent No. 7169181).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: It was discussed as to how to better define the cross-section of the intermediate member (i.e. relative to a plane instead of an axis) and to also better define the recess within the outer elements. No language was determined during the interview, however, it was noted that any amendments would require further search and consideration.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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